



AFRO-AMERICAN LEAGUE.

CALIFORNIA HEARD FROM A.—CHAIRMAN GOODALL OF PENNSYLVANIA AROUSING SENTIMENT.—A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEMANDED.

Last August, Messrs. T. B. Morton and J. F. Summers issued an address in San Francisco to the Colored Voters League of Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio and West Virginia, in convention assembled, requesting a union of all Afro-American Leagues.

Mr. James L. Goodall, the Chairman of the Pennsylvania League, was the man who has been interesting himself in a union of the leagues, which can be seen by the following letter from the Chairman of the State League of California:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Nov. 12, 1896.

JAS. L. GOODALL, CHAIRMAN AFRO-AMERICAN REPUBLICAN LEAGUE, PHILA., PENN.

DEAR SIR: It is with considerable pleasure that I acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 24th ult., because it is a considerable gratification to me to be in communication with those who are striving for the elevation or political recognition of my race.

No one knows better than I how much our race needs the co-operation of its members locally, by States and nationally.

It is time that 8,000,000 of people should by a systematic and co-operative plan, place themselves in a position that they will no longer have to "request," but to be able to demand. No better medium offers itself to the American Negro than I know of, than does the Afro-American League.

If we can arouse the race to a stern realization of the fact that it is continually retreating in political affairs, that the discrimination against us is greater to-day than it was thirty years ago and that we are drifting toward political ostracism, we will be able to organize in such a manner as to make our presence respected and our power felt.

Our plain duty is to see that Afro-American Leagues are formed in every county of each State as soon as possible. Such a course, will in a short time, result in a National Council of Afro-American Leagues established on a practical basis.

Such has been the course in California, and to-day we boast of an organization that has a branch in every hamlet of the State and neighboring States. An organization that is respected and feared by the white political managers.

I have written to several racial State organizations relative to a Union of our Racial Political Associations, notably: The Afro-American State League of New York, which convened at Saratoga Springs in August 1895, and who by an article in the Freeman and the New York Age of that month unanimously adopted the suggestions and plans of California. The Colored Voters League of Pennsylvania, which met in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 11, 1895, to the President and Secretary of which were sent copies of the plan and a copy of which I now forward to you, and also the Colored Republican State Association of Massachusetts, Ohio, and Virginia, which assembled in annual session in Boston last August.

I have as yet received no direct information from either of those bodies, and can therefore give you no information as to the progress made by them in that direction.

I trust, however, with you my success will be marked and that you will immediately look to the complete organization of your State and use the great influence that I know you possess in assisting the organization of other States. I can assure you that I shall never falter until victory has been won or we are completely annihilated.

I have found that much and rapid organization can be effected through the medium of the pastors of the churches and particularly the traveling ministers. They are in a better position to establish branches throughout a State than is one who is permanently located. I would, therefore, suggest that you obtain their support at once.

Trusting that I may hear from you soon and often,

I am yours for the race,
T. B. MORTON,
State President.

ALEXANDRIA ELECTS DELEGATES.

Alexandria, Va., November 30, 1896. At a meeting of the citizens of Alexandria, Va., held this evening the following delegates were elected to the Afro-American League Convention: Magnus L. Robinson, Wm. A. Carter, and Henry Willis. Great interest is felt here in the organization of Afro-American Leagues.



SECRET ORDERS.

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BY D. F. SEVILLE.

The Masonic Bureau of Information and Labor was inaugurated by the Ancient York Rite Masons, District of Columbia. It is intended to supply a long felt want in the jurisdiction. Also better carry out the aims and principles of the A. Y. R. by helping to secure work for its members and their families. Important information of benefit to its members and the fraternity in general. The bureau is composed of Masons and their families. The same was duly incorporated November 27, 1896, by D. F. Seville, M. H. Hill, J. H. McDowell, Ed. W. Shields, Col. W. H. Lester and Rev. J. W. Gains for 20 years.

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GEMS FROM THE QUARRIES.

The report of C. H. Brooks, Grand Secretary of the B. M. C. of the G. U. O. O. F. recently held in Indianapolis, recently:

Lodges 2,047; Households 596 P.

G. M. Councils, 178; Grand Lodges, 36; total number of active branches, 3,303; number of members 118,500; in Households 3,100 Councils, 3,637; Patriarchies, 2,100; total membership in all the branches, 155,537; members relieved for the year, 11,851; widows and orphan relieved, 4,348; number buried during the year, 1,434; amount paid to sick, \$108,423.82; for funerals, \$56,400.47; paid to widows and orphans during the year, \$40,360.39; whole amount invested in property and funds, \$1,867,598; 1894 Grand Master Needham was elected Ditto Grand Secretary Brooks. Grand Directors, E. H. Morris, of Chicago, B. T. Thornton, of Indianapolis, D. W. Clark, of District of Columbia, L. L. Lee, of Atlanta, Ga. The next meeting will be held in St. Louis.

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Equity Lodge, No. 1344, Odd Fellows, of Philadelphia, celebrated its 29th anniversary. Quite a number of prominent disciples of Fat, Lard, and Far were present.

Sister Mary E. Reed, Grand Matron of the Eureka Grand Chapter, O. E. S. of N. Y., has issued a call to me to January 29, 1897, in New York City.

The O. E. S. of Helena, Ark., have instituted an Endowment Benefit Association, which works like a charm, because the sisters attend to their own affairs and keep the men out, which is right. Let the sisters alone and they will get there all right.

Grand Chancellor, C. A. Shaw, of Georgia, has appointed Knight J. H. Lee, of No. 18, as Grand Lecturer, vice Knight F. W. McCarthy, D. N. D.

The Masons of Mississippi, have a Benefit Association, which paid November 4 and 6, \$1,233.50, to four heirs the above amount.

A dispensation has been granted to set up a new Lodge of Odd Fellows at Vicksburg, Miss. It was started with 150 candidates.

Hamilton Lodge 710, Odd Fellows, appropriated \$400 to buy a hall. This Lodge is located in New York.

There are nineteen Grand Chancellors of K. of P., N. A. S. A. E. A. and A. Among the lot Sir T. W. West represents the District of Columbia. The principle officers of the Supreme Court, I. O. C. are: Sup. W. Counce lor, J. L. Tuggle, of Ala.; S. W. Registrar of Deeds, Sister M. B. Carruthers, of St. Louis, Mo., and S. W. Receiver of Deposits, Sister M. S. Jones, of Hot Springs, Ark.

Sir G. F. Bowles, of Natchez, Miss., has been commissioned Major-General U. R. K. of P., vice Sir D. M. Pappa removed.

Garnett Lodge 32, K. of P., of Cincinnati, Ohio, is in good standing and not suspended with the batch, suspended by the Grand Chancellor of the State.

In Union there is strength, in division, weakness. Remember that we have a short time to live, but a long time to be dead. For light upon dark subjects, read The BEE.

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WINTER.

H. EUGENE WILSON.

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A rose of youth, your blossoms fair
Have sought the cheerless past;
For winter once again has come,
And brought some snow at last.

Your bush still has a sickly glare
To one when passing by;
For you the ground so bleak and bare
Is rose in death's cold eye.

Good Lil has fled to sunburnt South,
Where Rob has also gone,
Where ice and snow of winter hold
Is seldom seen to dawn.

Dearest winter, blessed winter,
Cheer me on life's highway,
Should I fall or should I falter
Take my heart; lay it away.

O winter, most blessed winter,
Fare thee well I may say;
For when you go; then death may come
And bear me far away.

Washington Normal School.

BLACK PATTI'S TROUBADOURS.

The splendid reports of the "Black Patti's Troubadours" and their performances elsewhere lends the assurance that this worthy company will meet with cordial reception in this city.

In addition to Black Patti who is host in herself, there are a number of very clever singers, dancers, and comedians among the fifty or more people who comprise the company. In the performance, which embraces a kaleidoscope of opera, comedy, burlesque and vaudeville, there is not a dull or lagging moment.

Bob Cole, the Prince of comedians with a coterie of fun-makers sustain the comedy features and Black Patti, a quartette of vocal soloists and a grand chorus of thirty well trained voices render a series of operatic selections in costumes and with scenery which created a veritable sensation.

It is claimed that this company is the most meritorious one of its kind ever organized in this country.

AFRO-AMERICAN LEAGUES.

The Afro-American Leagues of the Fifth district was organized with auspicious ceremonies at the Union Wesley Church, 23d street, between L and M streets, Monday night. The church was handsomely decorated with flags, palms, and ferns, the large auditorium was filled with persons all displaying unusual zeal in the work of Afro-American Leagues. After prayer by the Pastor, Dr. Adams, Mr. A. F. Biston, called the meeting to order, stating the object. Music was rendered by Miss Scott, and declamations by Messrs. Conway and Burrill. The principal address of the evening was delivered by Lucius H. Peterson, on the subject "Concentration of Forces." The following delegates were elected to the Central Organization: L. H. Peterson, J. T. Turner, and Dr. W. V. Daniels.

Next week the Eighth, Ninth, and Seventh districts will organize.

There was a big row at the Batson Concert Thursday night. Mrs. Bergen stated that she was no longer with her husband, and from what she understood he had sold out the concert. The excitement was great.

The reception of the Young Men's Protective League was a grand affair.

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